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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-340-7123-00-6019]

Notice of Closure, Public Lands

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior, Clear Lake Field Office, Ukiah, California.

ACTION: Closure of Public Lands.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations, subpart 8364, notice is hereby given that the below described public lands in the Cow Mountain area of Lake County are temporarily closed to public access and use. The closure will be in effect upon publication of this notice and will remain in effect for one year. Lands closed are described as follows:

All that real property situated in the County of Lake, State of California, described as follows:

The northwest quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$), the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$) and the north half of the southeast quarter (N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 9, the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$), the south half of the southwest quarter (S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$), and the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 10, Township 14 North, Range 11 West, Mount Diablo Meridian, Lake County, California.

Excepting from the northwest quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of said Section 9, all that portion described as lying along the north line of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 9, Township 14 North, Range 11 West, MDM; beginning 650 feet east of the northeast corner of 8-Mile Valley Ranch; running east along the north line 1320 feet; thence south 100 feet; thence west 1320 feet; thence north 100 feet to the point of beginning. This closure is necessary to protect persons, property, and public lands and resources.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Bureau of Land Management's Clear Lake Field Office recently acquired the above described lands. As part of the agreement conveying the lands to the public and to BLM management, the former owners retained one year to vacate the property and remove personal belongings. The BLM Clear Lake Field Office will be amending the

South Cow Mountain Management Plan to include provisions for managing these lands, before opening them for public use. Additionally, several roads and structures are in disrepair and unsafe for public use. These roads must be repaired before the area is opened for public use.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Contact Richard Burns, Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management Clear Lake Field Office, 2550 North State Street, Ukiah, CA 95482.

Philip L. Damon,

Acting Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ID-050-1150-04]

Notice—Bat Hibernation Site (Hibernacula) Closure

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management; Interior.

ACTION: Notice—bat hibernation sites (*hibernacula*) closure.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 43 CFR 8364.1, eleven caves in the Upper Snake River Districts are identified as bat hibernation sites (*hibernacula*) are seasonally closed to entry. With the exception of approved research, essential search and rescue, or other emergency or administrative operations for cave resources protection, eleven caves containing hibernation sites are closed during the hibernation season to all visitation, from October 15 to May 1.

Affected caves are listed below:

Bobcat Cave
Kids Cave
Owl Cave
Chalk Cave
Giant Arch Cave
Gypsum Cave
Little Arch Cave
Pot O' Gold Cave
Twin Cave
Will's Cave
The One That Goes Cave

The purpose of the closure is to protect bat species and their habitat during the critical hibernation period. Any person who fails to comply with this closure and restriction order, under 43 CFR 8364.1, may be subject to the penalties provided in regulations at 43 CFR 8360.0-7; a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.

DATES: This action is effective December 18, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The Federal Cave Resources Protection Act of 1988 prohibits disclosure of cave locations. Information pertaining to the above closure is available at the Shoshone Resource Area in Shoshone, Idaho, and the Idaho Falls District Office in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Paula Call, BLM Shoshone Resource Area, P.O. Box 2-B, Shoshone Idaho 83352, telephone (208) 886-7254, or Joe Lowe, BLM Idaho Falls District Office, 1405 Hollipark Drive, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401, telephone (208) 524-7558.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Certain caves in the Upper Snake River Districts serve as critical winter habitat for bats because they provide a narrow yet optimum range of temperature and other microclimatical variables required for successful hibernation. Research has indicated that all bat species are extremely susceptible and sensitive to human disturbance during hibernation, and that recreational caving trips during the hibernation season are detrimental to the survival of bat species.

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Bill Baker,

Shoshone Resource Area Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-020-1430-10]

Notice of Intent

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management, Winnemucca District, intends to develop an Activity Plan/Land Use Plan amendment for the Black Rock Desert located in the northwest portion of the district. The purpose of the plan and amendment is to better manage the resources and increasing level of activities occurring on the desert. Currently the Black Rock region reflects very few man-made developments and contains pristine sections of the Applegate/Lassen National Historic Trail. Competitive events and commercial uses of desert have increased tremendously since the original Management Framework Plan was completed in 1982. Plan goals include (1) Managing the varied resources while providing for a wide range of dispersed recreational activities and opportunities in a prudent manner; (2) Providing economic opportunities